

Paul's record of accomplishment in the Treasurer's office is outstanding. One of his most notable achievements was his commitment to helping Rhode Island families save for their children's college education. As a result of his work, the CollegeBoundfund, Rhode Island's section 529 college savings program, was recognized by MSN Money in 2005 as one of the Nation's five best college savings plans in the country. Columnist Liz Pulliam Weston wrote: "It's a pity more of us don't live in Rhode Island if you live there, it's a mystery why you'd invest anywhere else." With the help of the Attorney General's office, he put a broken crime victims' compensation program back on its feet. He led with integrity. Paul certainly carried out what he proposed to do, that is, to leave the Treasurer's office in a better State than what he inherited.

But Paul's story doesn't begin in the Treasurer's office. During his successful career in the banking industry, Paul dedicated himself to a life of public service, beginning his career on the East Providence School Committee, and then the East Providence City Council. In 1992, Paul was elected to Rhode Island's State senate, where he served until taking office as general treasurer. I worked closely with Paul when I served on Governor Bruce Sundlun's senior staff, and I saw up close what a good senator he was.

Paul's years in the Senate were full of significant accomplishments, especially his efforts to create The CollegeBoundfund and his work on adoption; and his service as first deputy majority leader and as vice-chair of the Corporations Committee. Paul is remembered in the senate not only for his committed service but also for his legendary ability to pull practical jokes on his fellow senators. One he particularly enjoyed was to "borrow" a piece of letterhead paper from one of his fellow senators and write a note to another senator. He would then ask a page in the senate to deliver the letter and sit back to enjoy the ensuing uproar. That story says so much about Paul: he never takes himself too seriously; the jokes were always warm-hearted and they helped break tensions in that body. Paul was good for the senate.

Paul has also never forgotten where he comes from. A son of Portuguese immigrants who migrated to the United States from the Azores, he has truly lived the American dream. I am sure Paul's parents, the late Anibal and Laurentina Tavares, are looking down on us proud to see how far Paul's determination and talent have carried him in life. And I am sure he would agree that he would not have enjoyed nearly as much success without the love and support of his lovely wife Lee, his daughters Tessa, Kristen and Felicia, and his sons Nicholas and Andrew. Their unwavering commitment to Paul, and his unwavering commitment to them, have been extraordinary.

Rhode Islanders who know Paul also know well his selfless service to his community. Paul founded the Portuguese American Scholarship Foundation, is a cofounder of the East Providence Children's Portuguese School, and served on the Catholic Diocese of Providence Finance Council. His work in these organizations has not only enriched the Ocean State's Portuguese community, but has changed lives all over Rhode Island. And he does not just help people through organizations. Many Rhode Islanders know stories of people showing up on Paul's doorstep, asking for his help. Each time, he listened and did what he could. Paul has spent his life helping others without asking anything in return.

I am pleased to come to the floor of the Senate to join the Portuguese American Citizens Committee in recognizing the tremendous accomplishments of our friend Paul Tavares. I extend congratulations, heartfelt thanks for a job well done, and best wishes to Paul and his family in all their future endeavors.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:40 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2467. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 69 Montgomery Street in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Frank J. Guarini Post Office Building".

H.R. 2587. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 555 South 3rd Street Lobby in Memphis, Tennessee, as the "Kenneth T. Whalum, Sr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 2654. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 South Dumont Avenue in Woonsocket, South Dakota, as the "Eleanor McGovern Post Office Building".

H.R. 2778. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3 Quaker Ridge Road in New Rochelle, New York, as the "Robert Merrill Postal Station".

H.R. 2825. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 326 South Main Street in Princeton, Illinois, as the "Owen Lovejoy Princeton Post Office Building".

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2467. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 69 Montgomery Street in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Frank J. Guarini Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2587. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 555 South 3rd Street Lobby in Memphis, Tennessee, as the "Kenneth T. Whalum, Sr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2654. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 South Dumont Avenue in Woonsocket, South Dakota, as the "Eleanor McGovern Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2778. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3 Quaker Ridge Road in New Rochelle, New York, as the "Robert Merrill Postal Station"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2825. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 326 South Main Street in Princeton, Illinois, as the "Owen Lovejoy Princeton Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1908. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3162. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, proposed legislation intended to alter the funding structure for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3163. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the education of dependents of military personnel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3164. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Counter-narcotics, Counterproliferation and Global Threats), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Russia's tactical nuclear weapons arsenal; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3165. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, a draft bill entitled the "Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Reform Act"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3166. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; MORAVAN a.s. Model Z242L Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2007-28114)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3167. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pacific Aerospace Limited Model 750XL Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-033)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3168. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca Arriel 2B1 Turboshaft Engines” ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NE-16)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3169. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca Arriel 2B Series Turboshaft Engines” ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NE-52)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3170. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company GE 590 Series Turbofan Engines” ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NE-05)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3171. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments” ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3226)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3172. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments” ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3228)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3173. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Weather Takeoff Minimums; Miscellaneous Amendments” ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3225)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3174. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments” ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3219)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3175. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modification of Class E Airspace; St. Johns, AZ” ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-AWP-1)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3176. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revision to Class E Airspace; Laramie, WY” ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 05-ANM-16)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3177. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment of Class D and E Airspace; Aguadilla, PR” ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ASO-3)) received on

September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3178. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment, Modification and Revocation of VOR Federal Airways; East Central United States” ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ASW-1)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3179. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment of Class E Airspace; Vero Beach, FL” ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ASO-9)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3180. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modification to the Norton Sound Low, Woody Island Low, Control 1234L, and Control 1487L Offshore Airspace Areas; AK” ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-AAL-29)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3181. A communication from the Acting Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Design-Build Contracting” ((RIN2125-AF12)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3182. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “FMVSS No. 208 CRS Installation Procedure for LATCH-Equipped Seats” ((RIN2127-AJ59)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3183. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB-145LR, -145XR, and -145MP Airplanes; and Model EMB-135BJ and -135LR Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-038)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3184. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca Arriel 2F Turboshaft Engines” ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NE-34)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3185. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 727 Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-054)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3186. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-100, -200, -200C, -300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket

No. 2007-NM-31)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3187. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-400 Series Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-176)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3188. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model 717-200 Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-148)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3189. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A318, A319, A320 and A321 Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-196)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3190. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310 Series Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-126)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3191. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB-135BJ Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-269)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3192. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-10-30 and DC-10-30F Airplanes, Model DC-10-40 and DC-10-40F Airplanes, and Model MD-10-30F Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-271)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3193. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-11 and MD-11F Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-272)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3194. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF6-50C Series Turbofan Engines” ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-08)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3195. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Model 500, 501, 550, 551, S550, 560, 560XL, and 750 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-213)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3196. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF6-80 Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-43)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3197. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Hawker Beechcraft Corporation No. 3A20 and TC No. A24CE Formerly Held by Raytheon Aircraft Corporation and Models C90A, B200, B200C, B300, and B300C Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-004)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3198. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH Model DA 42 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-027)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3199. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Diamond Aircraft Industries Model DA 42 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-022)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3200. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model AS350B, BA, B1, B2, B3, D, and AS355E Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2004-SW-36)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3201. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; MD Helicopters, Inc. Model 369A, 369D, 369E, 369F, 369FF, 369H, 369HE, 369HS, 369HM, 500N, and OH-6A Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2003-SW-37)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3202. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, Weather Takeoff" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3221)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3203. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA63)(Amdt. No. 468)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3204. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Amdt. No. 3222)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3205. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-8-33, -42, and -43 Airplanes; Model DC-8-50 Series Airplanes; Model DC-8F-54 and -55 Airplanes; Model DC-8-60 Series Airplanes; Model DC-8-60F Series Airplanes; Model DC-8-72 Airplanes; and Model DC-8-70F Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-279)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3206. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Viking Air Limited Models DHC-2 Mk. I, DHC-2 Mk. II, and DHC-2 Mk. III Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-009)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3207. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 B4-600, B4-600R, and F4-600R Series Airplanes, and Model C4-605R Variant F Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-125)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3208. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-400 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-289)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3209. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-100, DHC-8-200, and DHC-8-300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-240)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3210. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Model Mystere-Falcon 50 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-287)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3211. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB-135 Airplanes and Model EMB-145, -145ER, -145MR, -145LR, -145XR, -145MP, and -145EP Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-196)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3212. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration,

Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF34-10E Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-33)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3213. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials; Transportation of Lithium Batteries" (RIN2137-AD48) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3214. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, Weather Takeoff Minimums; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3223)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3215. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3224)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3216. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; REIMS AVIATION S.A. Model F406 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-89)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3217. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model ERJ 170 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-022)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3218. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 727 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. NM-75)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3219. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Aerospatiale Model ATR42 and ATR72 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-270)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3220. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Model Falcon 2000EX and Falcon 900EX Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-249)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3221. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310 Series Airplanes; and Airbus Model A300-600 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-237)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3222. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eclipse Aviation Corporation Model EA500 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-CE-056)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3223. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH Model DA 42 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-CE-023)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3224. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Alpha Aviation Design Limited Model R2160 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2006-CE-079)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3225. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Air Tractor, Inc. Models AT-602, AT-802, and AT-802A Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-CE-011)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3226. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; SOCATA—Groupe Aerospatiale Models TB9, TB10, and TB200 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-CE-017)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3227. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; APEX Aircraft Model CAP 10 B Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-CE-019)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3228. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification to the Norton Sound Low, Woody Island Low, Control 1234L and Control 1487L Offshore Airspace Areas; Alaska" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 06-AAL-29)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3229. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Area Navigation Route Q-22; South Central United States" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 07-ASW-4)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3230. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administra-

tion, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Front Royal—Warren County, VA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 07-AEA-01)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3231. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Dean Memorial Airport, NH" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 07-ANE-91)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3232. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Restricted Areas 3601A and 3601B; Brookville, KS" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 04-ACE-32)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3233. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Low Altitude Area Navigation Routes; Los Angeles, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 07-AWP-2)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3234. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace; Valdosta, Moody AFB, GA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 07-ASO-10)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3235. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Red Dog, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 07-AAL-04)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3236. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations: Rockmart, Aragon, and Ringgold, Georgia; Anderson, South Carolina; and Chattahoochee, Decatur, Harrison, Lynchburg, Spring City, and Wartrace, Tennessee" (MB Docket No. 05-282) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3237. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations: Dinosaur, Colorado" (MB Docket No. 07-79) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3238. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recommendations of the Independent Panel Reviewing the Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Communications Networks" ((FCC07-107) (EB Docket No. 06-119)) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3239. A communication from the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Office of Man-

aging Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2007" ((MD Docket No. 07-81) (FCC 07-140)) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3240. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reexamination of Roaming Obligations of Commercial Mobile Radio Services Providers" ((WT Docket No. 05-265) (FCC 07-143)) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3241. A communication from the Assistant Bureau Chief for Management, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Amendment of Parts 1 and 63 of the Commission's Rules" ((FCC 07-118) (IB Docket No. 04-47)) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3242. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the safe operation of Mexico-domiciled motor carriers beyond the commercial zones; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3243. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to energy pricing programs; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3244. A communication from the General Counsel, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Electronic Submissions in Agency Hearings" (RIN3150-AH74) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3245. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Control of VOC Emissions from Crude Oil Lightening Operations" (FRL No. 8465-9) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3246. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; VOC Emissions from Fuel Grade Ethanol Production Operations" (FRL No. 8464-4) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3247. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8465-6) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3248. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air

Quality Planning Purposes; Georgia: Redesignation of Macon, Georgia 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment for Ozone" (FRL No. 8466-4) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3249. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee; Approval of Revisions to the Tennessee SIP and the Nashville/Davidson County Portion of Tennessee SIP; Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Nonattainment New Source Review" (FRL No. 8466-5) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3250. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revising the Budget Period Limitation for Research Grants and Cooperative Agreements" ((RIN2080-AA12) (FRL No. 8466-9)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3251. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to actions under the Prescription Drug User Fee Act during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3252. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Rev. Proc. 2006-53 to Reflect Statutory Changes to Section 179" (Rev. Proc. 2007-60) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3253. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Surrender of Property Subject to Levy" (Rev. Proc. 2006-42) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3254. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act Regulations, Periodic Participant Statements and Court Orders and Legal Processes Affecting Thrift Savings Plan Accounts" (5 CFR Parts 1630, 1640, and 1653) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3255. A communication from the Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's budget request for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3256. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, the report of draft legislation intended to amend the law relating to the appeals of those who have been sentenced to death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3257. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, (7) reports relative to vacancies within the Department, received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3258. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Airworthiness Directives; APEX Aircraft Model CAP 10B Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-CE-020)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 1138. A bill to enhance nuclear safeguards and to provide assurances of nuclear fuel supply to countries that forgo certain fuel cycle activities (Rept. No. 110-151).

S. 1687. A bill to provide for global pathogen surveillance and response (Rept. No. 110-152).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 1027. A bill to prevent tobacco smuggling, to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-153).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Margaret Spellings, of Texas, to be designated a Representative of the United States of America to the Thirty-fourth Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

*Nancy Goodman Brinker, of Florida, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service.

*Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Director General of the Foreign Service.

*Paula J. Dobriansky, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Special Envoy for Northern Ireland.

*Ned L. Siegel, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Nominee Ned L. Siegel.

Post Ambassador to the Bahamas.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self, 2007—\$2,000.00, 4/12/2007, Tom Rooney for Congress; \$2,300.00, 4/3/2007, Friends of John Thune; \$4,600.00, 4/3/2007, McConnell Senate Committee; \$2,300.00, 3/14/2007, ORRINPAC; \$2,300.00, 3/1/2007, Citizens for Arlen Specter; \$200.00, 2/27/2007, John McCain 2008; \$2,300.00, 2/13/2007, Coleman for Senate; (\$1,900.00), 3/31/2007, Coleman for Senate; \$2,100.00, 1/15/2007, John McCain 2008.

2006—\$2,000.00, 9/14/2006, Santorum 2006; \$1,000.00, 8/9/2006, Lieberman Campaign; \$2,000.00, 6/14/2006, ERIC PAC; \$5,000.00, 6/14/2006, Restore America PAC; \$2,100.00, 5/1/2006, Friends of Clay Shaw; \$100.00, 5/1/2006, Friends of Clay Shaw; \$5,000.00, 4/21/2006, 21st Century Freedom PAC; \$1,000.00, 4/8/2006, Gerlach for Congress; \$5,000.00, 4/8/2006, Straight Talk America; \$1,000.00, 3/31/2006, Michael Steele for Senate; \$4,200.00, 3/31/2006, Martinez for Senate; \$2,500.00, 3/23/2006, Mark

Kennedy '06; \$4,200.00, 3/19/2006, Coleman for Senate; \$5,000.00, 3/17/2006, IRL PAC; \$1,000.00, 2/14/2006, Tom Kean for U.S. Senate; \$1,000.00, 2/9/2006, Friends of Ginny Brown-Waite; 1/24/2006, Republican Party of Florida; \$1,000.00, 1/11/2006, Tom Delay Congressional Committee; \$2,200.00, 1/9/2006, Friends of George Allen;

2005—\$2,100.00, 12/27/2005, ERIC PAC; \$5,000.00, 9/29/2005, RJC PAC; \$2,000.00, 8/17/2005, Ed Bryant for U.S. Senate; \$200.00, 8/9/2005, Friends of Katherine Harris; \$4,000.00, 7/13/2005, Friends of Katherine Harris; \$1,000.00, 6/28/2005, Solutions America PAC; \$1,000.00, 6/4/2005, Friends of Clay Shaw; \$1,000.00, 3/30/2005, Friends of George Allen; \$1,000.00, 3/22/2005, Friends of George Allen; \$1,000.00, 3/19/2005, Friends of Clay Shaw; \$2,000.00, 1/6/2005, Santorum 2006; \$400.00, 1/6/2005, 21st Century Freedom PAC.

2004—\$2,000.00, 10/6/2004, Martinez, for Senate; \$25,000.00, 9/23/2004, Republican National Committee; \$2,000.00, 8/26/2004, Martinez for Senate; \$25,000.00, 8/11/2004, 2004 Joint Candidate Committee.

Per federal election law, contributions to a joint fundraising committee are attributed among the ultimate recipients of the committee's proceeds based on a pre-existing allocation formula. Based upon available information, Ned Siegel's contribution was attributed as follows:

Richard Burr Committee (Richard Burr), \$2,000.00, Senate, GA; Cathy McMorris for Congress (Cathy Ann McMorris) (via WA-05 Congressional Victory Committee), (Gregory Edward Walcher), \$937.50, House, WA-5; David Vitter for US Senate, \$2,000.00, Senate, LA; Northup for Congress (Anne M. Northup), \$937.50, House, KY-3; Bob Beauprez for Congress (Robert Louis Beauprez), \$937.50, House, CO-7; Friends of Dave Reichert (Dave Reichert) (via WA-08 Congressional Victory Committee), \$937.50, House, WA-8; Pete Sessions for Congress (Pete Sessions), \$937.50, House, TX-32; Walcher for Congress (Gregory Edward Walcher) (via CO-08 Congressional Victory Committee), \$937.50, House, CO-3; Neugebauer Congressional Committee (Randy Neugebauer), \$937.50, House, TX-19; Porter for Congress (Jon C. Porter, Sr.), \$937.50, House, NV-3; Simmons for Congress (Rob Simmons), \$937.50, House, CT-2; Friends of Martinez, \$2,000.00, Senate, FL; Heather Wilson for Congress (Heather Wilson), \$937.50, House, NM-1; Nethercutt for Senate (George Nethercutt), \$2,000.50, Senate, WA; Charles Boustany Jr. MD for Congress (Charles Bustany) (via LA-07 Congressional Victory Committee), \$937.50, House, LA-7; Bush-Cheney '04 Compliance Committee, \$2,000.00, Presidential; Tauzin for Congress (Wilbert Tauzin III) (via LA-03 Congressional Victory Committee), \$937.50, House, LA-3; Max Burns for Congress (Maxie Burns), \$937.50, House, GA-12; Geoff Davis for Congress (Geoffrey C. Davis) (via KY-04 Congressional Victory Committee), \$937.50, House, KY-4; Rick Renzi for Congress (Richard Renzi), \$937.50, House, AZ-1; PA-15 Congressional Victory Committee, \$937.50, House, PA-15.

2004 (continued)—\$500.00, 7/19/2004, Citizens for Arlen Specter; \$500.00, 5/24/2004, Mario Diaz-Balart for Congress; \$500.00, 5/25/2004, Lincoln Diaz-Balart for Congress; \$4,000.00, 5/22/2004, Martinez for Senate; \$500.00, 1/13/2004, Citizens for Arlen Specter.

2003—\$1,000.00, 10/21/2003, Cantor for Congress; \$5,000.00, 8/7/2003, RJC PAC; \$25,000.00, 8/4/2003, Republican National Committee; \$2,000.00, 5/28/2003, Bush-Cheney '04; \$2,000.00, 5/22/2003, Friends of Mark Foley; \$500.00, 4/25/2003, Cantor for Congress.

2. Spouse: STEPHANIE M. SIEGEL: 2007—\$2,300.00, 4/12/2007, Friends of John Thune; \$4,600.00, 4/3/2007, McConnell Senate Committee; \$2,300.00, 3/14/2007, ORRINPAC; \$2,300.00, 3/1/2007, Citizens for Arlen Specter;